



82nd BRISTOL (St. Bernadette) SCOUT GROUP

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SQUIRREL SCOUT WELCOME PACK

Welcome and thank you for your interest in joining our Squirrel Drey here at the 82nd Bristol (St. Bernadette) Scout Group. This welcome pack will give you all the information and details you and your parents or Carers will require.

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A warm welcome awaits you at the 82nd (St. Bernadette) Bristol Scout Group and to our Squirrel Scout Drey. Scouting is where young people make new friends, have amazing adventures, and learn new skills. Everyone's welcome here. All genders, races and backgrounds. Regardless of your young person's physical ability – there's a Scout adventure out there waiting for you. And we'll help them find it. Below is some information to help you start your scouting journey at Squirrel Scouts.

Being a Squirrel Scout

The Squirrel Section is for young people, usually aged between 4 and 6 years. The Squirrel Drey is the first Section in the Scout Group. Squirrels are encouraged to take part in a wide range of activities as part of their programme. "Participation" rather than meeting set standards is the key approach. Squirrels take part in a balanced programme that helps them to find out about the world in which they live, encourages them to know their own abilities and the importance of keeping fit and helps develop their creative talents.

The Squirrel Scout Promise

 ***The Squirrel Scout Promise* is:***

**I promise to do my best
to be kind and helpful,
and to love God.**

***The alternative Scout Promise can be made if requested by either the Squirrel Scout or Parent prior to enrolment.**

Scout Motto

 ***The Scout Motto is:***

Be Prepared

Squirrel Scout Badges: The Squirrel Scout Membership Award



This is called 'The World Badge' because the same badge is worn by all Squirrel Scouts and all Scouting members all over the world. It says that you are a member of the world-wide family of Scouts.

Investiture and making your Promise

The Scout Movement is special because everybody (including the leadership) makes a special promise. When you are invested as a Squirrel Scout you will have to make your promise to Acorn in front of the Drey.

What happens at your investiture

Your investiture will normally take place about 4 weeks after joining the Squirrel Scout Drey and you will also require your uniform for the investiture to take place.

The investiture will take place at the end of a meeting, and your parents will be invited to come and watch.

- You will invite you up to the front to face them.
- Your Leader will lower the Squirrel Scout Pack 'red' flag between you and them and ask you to put your left hand on the flag and make the Scout sign with your right hand.
- Your leader will ask the whole pack to also make the Scout Sign.

- Your leader will ask you to repeat the Squirrel Scout promise after them.
- Your leader will then present you with your Group Necker and your uniform badges and shake you by the LEFT hand and welcome you into the Drey. You are now a Squirrel Scout in the world-wide family of Scouts!

Squirrel Badges:

Badges are one of the most important parts of scouting and below are all the badges you can get as a Squirrel Scout and where they go on you uniform.



These badges are awarded to celebrate a young person's commitment to Scouting and for taking an active part in the Programme.

Squirrels Uniform



Uniform Requirement

Squirrel Sweatshirt

Squirrel Polo Shirt (optional)

You will also need to buy a Neckerchief, Group/District Badges and Coloured Woggle. These together with the uniforms can be bought from the Section Leaders. A current price list is available on request.

On Enrolment each Squirrel will receive their first maroon Scout Group t-shirt that can be worn under the Sweatshirt and will also be specified for some activities. Further t-shirts can be purchased when needed and again are detailed on the current price list

Scout Group Subscription and Gift Aid

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are currently £9.00 per calendar month paid by standing order on the first of each month.

For new members the first couple of weeks are free.

Some activities may incur a small additional charge, and these will be conveyed to parents or Carers before the session event.

Fundraising

The Group has a number of fund-raising events and will need the full support of parents and Carers.

Group Subscription Policy

The 82nd Bristol Scout Group would never discourage membership to any individuals wishing to join the Group due to parents or Carers being unable to meet the financial commitment stipulated by the Group. If you are unable to comply with any of the above subscription criteria, please speak to either the Section Leader or the Group Lead Volunteer (GLV). Any such conversation will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Gift Aid

Boost your donations by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate to the Scout Group

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity: *The 82nd Bristol (St. Bernadette) Scout Group*, from the tax you pay for the current tax year.

Your name and address are used to identify you as a current UK Taxpayer

Please complete the attached form and return it to the Section Leader as soon as possible.

Please notify the Scout Group if you:

- Want to cancel this declaration.
- Change the name of your home address.
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay income tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Data Protection and Scout Group Child Protection Policy

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

The Leadership and Management Teams of the Scout Group will only use the information you supply to the Scout Group on the Young Person Information Form, the attached forms, or any other submissions, for the purposes of conforming to P.O.R (Policy, Organisation and Rules) of the Scout Association. All information either in paper form or held electronically is strictly controlled.

None of the information provided will be conveyed to a third party (other than the Scout Association or Online Scout Manager – OSM) without your express permission. The only exception will be for nights away camping when details, of name, address and emergency telephone number of each scout attending camp, will be held by the “InTouch” contact (you will be informed whom prior to camp) **for the duration of the camp only.**

Any Parent or Guardian has the right to access the information held about them, should they wish to. The information will be kept up to date and only kept for as long as deemed necessary.

Anyone wishing to view our Data Privacy Notice can do so by visiting our website and clicking on the relevant section.

Scout Group Photography Policy

On some Scout Group occasions, photographs, videos and audio of Scouts taking part in activities may be submitted to the local newspapers, Group, District or County newsletters, scout website, social media, (such as our closed Scout FaceBook page and Twitter) or put-on display within our Headquarters.

We will never put in any names, address, ages or any other personal details unless specific permission is requested or granted.

Please complete the attached form to indicate your preferences regarding photographs

Parents and Carers should also be aware that on District, County and National organised scouting events, (parades, camps, competitions, etc.), official photographs may be taken and used for publicity, which the Scout Group may not have any control of their distribution. ALL scout photographs will follow the guidelines laid down by the Scout Association, based on those suggested by the NSPCC. You may at any time remove your permission by contacting the Scout Section Leader

Child Protection Policy

The Scout Association requires that all Scout Leaders, Occasional Helpers and members of the Board of Trustees have a Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) check completed prior to any appointment being granted.

As a Scout Group it is important that we fully understand the concerns of all parents and Carers to ensure we do everything possible to ensure that your child is kept in a safe and secure environment whilst they are in our care.

Many parents and Carers who currently work, or have worked, recently with young children may well have already had to go through a similar if not identical procedure.

Your understanding and cooperation in this matter is appreciated and we reiterate it is for the safeguarding and protection of YOUR and ALL the young people in our care that is, and always will be, of paramount importance to us.



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Squirrel Drey Leaders

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Squirrel Colony Team Members **Emma Alexander**
Squirrels meet on Tuesday Evenings from 5:00pm – 6:00pm



Beaver Colony Leaders

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Squirrel Colony Team Members **Clare Scadding** **Tracey Sandford**

Beavers meet on Monday Evenings from 5:30pm – 6:30pm



Cub Pack Leaders

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Cub Pack Team Member **Jessica Starling**

Cubs meet on Wednesday Evenings from 6:30pm – 8:00pm



Scout Troop Leader

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Scouts meet on Thursday Evenings from 6:30pm – 8:30pm



Scout Group Board of Trustees

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Scout Group Promise and Agreement

The purpose of Scouting is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

The Squirrel Scout Promise is:*

**I promise to do my best.
To be kind and helpful
And to love God.**

The Cub Scout Promise is:*

I promise that I will do my best.
To do my duty to God and to the Queen,
To help other people
And to keep the Cub Scout Law

The Cub Scout Law is:

Cub Scouts always do their best.
Think of others before themselves.
And do a good turn every day.

The Scout Promise is:*

On My Honour, I promise that I will do my best.
To do my duty to God and to the Queen,
To help other people
And to keep the Scout Law

The Scout Law is:

-  1. A Scout is to be trusted.
-  2. A Scout is loyal.
-  3. A Scout is friendly and considerate.
-  4. A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts.
-  5. A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
-  6. A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.
-  7. A Scout has self-respect and respect for others

***The alternative Squirrel Scout Promise can be made if requested by either the Squirrel Scout or Parent prior to enrolment.**



The Agreement

We have read and understood the 82nd Bristol (St. Bernadette) Scout Group **Code of Behaviour and Scout Group Rules** and will act in accordance with the **Squirrel Scout's Promise***

Name of Squirrel Scout *(please print)* _____

Signature of Squirrel Scout _____

Name of Parent/Guardian *(please print)* _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

A copy of this form is included with your welcome pack